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The Primary.

For years the friends of pure and fair politics in Virginia labored together for the establishment of the primary plan of selecting party candidates. It was a long fight, but the primary was finally victorious, and this year it is to be put on trial. The convention plan was objectionable for the reason that it deprived the people of the right of voting direct for the nominees and again because it was at least possible to manipulate conventions in such a way as to defeat the popular will. The voters of Virginia were also desirous of having the opportunity of expressing their choice of candidates for the United States Senate, This year Democrats will have the privilege of going to the polls and voting direct by secret ballot for party candidates for all State offices, as well as for the candidate for the United States Senate. Whether or not this system will be continued will depend very largely upon the manner in which the primaries this year are conducted. The system is on trial and will be put to the test. If the primaries are honestly conducted and the vote honestly and fairly counted and returned, the primary will be an established institution and will abide. But if sharp practice is employed, if by trickery or fraud or manipulation or any other dishonest method, the primaries are conin such a way as to defeat the will of the people, the system will receive a set-back, if not its deathblow.

primary is on trial, and the good name of the Democratic party of Virginla is at stake. There can be no sort of excuse or pretext for trickery or cheating. It is a family fight, a contest among gentlemen, and it would be an everlasting disgrace to the party if the election should by callited with fraud. In the name of Virginia Democracy, in the name of pure politics and honest government, in the name of Southern honer and chivalry, let us have an election that shall be fair and honest and above suspicion.

Japan Has Won.

Poor Rojestvensky! We think of him knowingly, yet deliberately and courageously to his destruction. He had put the Japs on notice that he was coming and had given them abundant time te prepare. 'He chose the direct route to Vladivostok. He endeavored to force his way through the narrow straits of Corea, where the Japs had every advantage and where his doom was inevitable. But on he went, determined to obey orders at all peril and to sell the life of his fleet as dearly as possible.

It was the desperation of the "Six Hundred," who rode "into the jaws of It was the desperation of the gallant Cervera, who made a dash for liberty from Santiago. "It was magnificent, but it was not war." Rolesta deliberate sacrifice.

What will Russia now do? Will she again proclaim that she will fight to the bitter end?" Has she not airandy reached the bitter end? Has she not failed at every turn? Has not Russla lost and has not Japan won? What more is there for Japan to do? She has cap tured Port Arthur; she has destroyed two Russian fleets constituting practically the entire navy; she has almost driven Russia out of Manchuria. Is she not entitled to the verdict of nations?

Our War With Japan.

Very few of our readers are aware of the fact that the United States once had a little war and a naval brush with Japan. This war of a day's duration, and the naval engagement that lasted not quite an hour, were in 1863, at a time when this part of the country was getting very little news of the doings of the United States government in the Far East ard cared very little to know anything about it, for what the United States or was far more interesting and exciting and required all our energy of mind, as well as of body and arm. But there and he is getting surprised at the lack

was war with Japan, nevertheless, and the story is retold by one of our Northern exchanges.

It was on June 24, 1863, that Japan an nounced the closing of the ports epened by treatles of long standing, and a very short time thereafter several English, French and American vessels bombarded the Japanese forts and vessels. "The American force," says our contemporary, was commanded by David S. McDougal, and consisted of the Wyoming, a second class 720-ton sloop, carrying six guns. The Japanese had three converted merchantmen, mounting 20 guns, which were aided by seven land forts with 30 guns. The action was brief, lasting only one hour. At the end of the engagement the Japanese did not have any warships left and the seven forts were silenced. The Wyoming was slightly injured, but

ettt in the ring." If the same combination of foreigners should go up against Japan now or at future time they will doubtless be again successful in destroying Japan's warships and silencing her forts, but the work will not be completed in one hour, as it was forty-two years ago.

Kind Words for Richmond.

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Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir.—The writer, who has visited your beautiful city and enjoyed the generous hospitality of its citizens, wonders why Richmond is not the great convention city of the United States. Certainly its central location and its charming people should make Richmond the ideal-place for great national assemblies.

Atlanta, without natural advantages, owes its prosperity and prominence to the advertising received from popular conventions, secured through solicitation of her commercial organizations. The business associations of Richmond may deem proper to consider these Atlanta methods.

I trust you will pardon the liberty where her a Northern man in these sug-

methods.

I trust you will pardon the liberty taken by a Northern man in these suggestions, prompted alone for the beneit of a city and people whom I admire and respect.

Respectfully, R. T. MILLER. Cincinnati, Ohio, May 27.

Before the Jefferson Hotel was de-stroyed by fire, Richmond had become very popular as a convention city. That hotel furnished ample accommodation for delegates and provided a splendid auditorium within the building itself for meetings. Several large conventions were held there, and the delegates were en-tirely pleased. Other large conventions were billed for Richmond, but when the Jefferson Hotel was destroyed, they were compelled to go elsewhere.

Since that time, however, one new ho tel has been built and one of the old hotels has more than doubled its capacity, and the plans are now being made the rebuilding of the Jefferson in all its former glory. An auditorium for conventions will be provided, and our correspondent from Cincinnati, who has spoken so kindly of Richmond, will doubtless learn within the next few years that Richmond has become at least one of the great convention cities of the United States.

In Memoriam.

This is the day of our sweet sorrow We sorrow that our noble boys in gray were called upon to give their precious lives for the South's cause, but it is sweet to know that they died in honor and that the sacrifice was willingly made. We gather about their graves to-day and pay them affectionate tribute. In love and reverence we decorate their graves with flowers, honeysuckle for fidelity, sweet William for gallantry, rose-dilly, sweet William for gallantry, rose-We gather about their graves to-day delity, sweet William for gallantry, rosemary for remembrance, and, above all, the laurel crown of victory, for men who died so splendidly were triumphant in death, no matter what the issue of the latest the latest control of the latest co war. It is an honor to honor them. The observance of Memorial Day is a tribute to the South's chivalry and patriotismof the living no less than of the dead.

There is in Richmond a Confederate soldier who lost an arm at Gettysburg. He is a man of education and character and abundantly able to earn a livelihood. He does not wish to go to the Soldiers Home and become a pensioner. He desires employment, and he is capable of giving good service. He would make a good collector, superintendent of hands, watchman, or overseer of a farm. He is a good farmer and his preference is for

glaince through the excellent quality of the news near the less favored seller, in this papers of the country. They contain so much that is bright and readable that the Herald quotes them daily and regrets that the pressure of special news will not permit of more lengthy extracts. The Herald's compliments to its able contemporaries.—New York Herald.

Dignity of the Profession.

Is the esteemed Herald thinking of

Is the esteemed Herald thinking of running for office?

Some time ago a preacher said that the stage was destined to do more than all other agencies to promote morality and religion—or words to that effect. If so, the stage must be more circumspect in the stage must be more circumspect in the selection of its teachers. We cannot agree that the cause of morality and religion is to be promoted by such teachers as Nan Patterson.

Dignity of the Profession.

It is gratifying to see that the dignity of the editorial profession is being conserved in the moonshine district. The allowed an appointment as a mail carrier out appointment as a mail carrier Nan Patterson.

China officially announces the introduction in that country of talking machines. Hadn't missed any of them, but presume the government has imported some of our American politi-

are of the opinion that this year's crop of cut worms have been taught some new tactics in the war of destruction by their friends, the Texas boll weevils.

The Vice-Presidents is earnestly in search of the presidential nomination

of disposition on the part of the nom of disposition on the part of the nom-ination to meet him half-way.

The Manassas Journal has just entered NAT CRUMP NOT ination to meet him half-way.

upon its eleventh year, and its circulation is now larger than ever before. That is good. The greater the circulation of a newspaper like the Journal the better it will be for popular education.

Chicago bricklayers are threatening to. go on a strike, too, and refuse to build houses of brick. Their friends, the teamsters, need all in stock for ammu

There is a feeling that your Uncle Joe Cannon wouldn't mind railroading the railway rate bill off into the obscurity of the remote future.

Carnegie's way of easing off the aged college professors is considered by them to be a decided improvement on Dr. Osler's suggested method.

That Congress has its hands full in attempting to buck against the wishes of the President is the sincere convic tion of T. Roosevelt.

Now the stand-patters would like to get Mr. Roosevelt on the other side of the lid with several able-bodied citizens on top of it.

Our correspondent says that people in Petersburg have stopped dying. We don't blame 'em. Life in Petersburg is most

vacation. We have observed, however, that he is a regular visitor at the summe resorts. A few United States taxpayers do not share Secretary Shaw's equanimity

as to that steadily growing little de-Do you mind that Mayor Weaver first Ex-Governor Aycock Pleads With laid mines in the channel for those Philadelphia grafters to bump up

against. General Oyama will now proceed demonstrate that Admiral Togo can't remain all of "It" very many days at

The Japs are perhaps of the opinion that it is all over except the counting up of the old hulls and mudscows. Philadelphia has emphasized the fact

that gas can stupefy the conscience as well as the body. Mayor Weaver is a great reformer,

even though he was not one by original

RHYMES FOR TODAY

Just My Luck. (Written Before the Fight.)
I never loved a sweet marsuplal.
But that it sickened fast and died;
My luck at Monte any croupler'll
fell to-day, I lost so wide.
Ill luck I've had at cards or woolng,
Or aught I've happened to be doing.

Now long my chiefest dream has been To study that great naval battle, When Roy, Birleff and their kin Meet Togo and (for rhyme) his cattle. That dream's now of my eye the apple, And so, of course, they will not grapple.

Each day, with fluttering emotion,
I seize the teeming morning paper,
For news from the Pacific Ocean—
Alack! My hopes go up in vapor.
They know I'm sitting here just wishing,
So Rojy calmly goes a fishing.

Tve watched in vain this many a moon;
To-day I go on my vacation;
The woodland camp will claim me soon,
Some forty miles from post or station.
And such my luck, I'll bet my pay,
They mix it up while I'm away.
—H. S. H.

Bribegivers; Bribetakers.

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Editor of The Times-Dispateh:
Sir.—I have been noticing with interest, the fight of the Philadelphia "gas lease," and have been somewhat disappointed in the editorial criticism I have thus far seen.
The municipal government of Philadelphia is notorious, and this particular deal deserves the well nigh unanimous condemnation it is receiving. But are there not at least two guilty parties to the transaction? It is currently charged and very generally believed that members of the City Council and of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Philadelphia have sold their votes. If such be true, and it doubtiess is, then somebody purchased and paid for the votes; the natural inference being watchiman, or overseer of a farm. He is a good farmer and his preference is for country, life, but is willing to work in the city. It is a case that appeals to The Times-Dispatch. Who will help us to find this malmed Confederate a decent position?

Memorial Day seems to be an appropriate occasion to bring this subject to the attention of the public.

Hall Caine's advice to "write only when in the humor," may do for love letters, but it doesn't apply to work on a daily paper.—Philadelphia Inquirer. If our esteemed contemporary means that newspaper writers and editors of the day are not "in the humor" when doing their work, it might be added that they certainly conceal the fact, for a glance through the exchanges impresses one with the excellent quality of the newspapers of the country. They contain so much that is bright and readable that

Dignity of the Profession.



Vomiting, Cramps, Cos-Indi

EXPECTED TO LIVE

His Dying Deposition Will Be Taken As to Fellow Assassins.

TWO MEN FLEE THE COUNTRY

Crump Says He Shot Grubb Because Afraid He Would Stop Blockading.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SALISBURY, N. C., May 29.—Nat Crump, the outlaw and self-confessed ssassin, who new lies in Davidson county ail, is in a precarious condition to-night. He is believed to be fatally shot, and arrangement has been made for taking ils deposition later to-night concerning he shooting of Clay Grubb and Clarence Thompson near this city a week ago. Henry Charles and Dave Leonard, two Henry Charles and Dave Leonard, two of the Davidson county men whom Crump alleges assisted in the plan to assassinate Grubb and Thompson, have left the country, and their whereabouts is unknown, and no other arrests have yet been made. Crump claims to have shot Grubb because of the fear that the latter, after his acquittal of the murder of O. L. Davis, would interfere with the blockade whiskey business, in which Crump himself was engaged on a large scale. It is said that the devil never takes

PLEAS FOR MERCY.

Governor Glenn Will Exum.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RALEIGH, N. C., May 29.—Ex-Governor Aycock was here to-day to make a plea, before Governor Glenn for the commutation of the death sentence of Will Exum to life imprisonment for the kalling of Guy Walston in Lenoir county. The ex-Governor is accompanied by quite a delegation of citizens, who are importuning Governor Glenn for the commutation on the ground that there was sufficient provocation for the killing to justify the commutation. The murdered man was Exum's son-in-law, and the evidence shows that Walston applied a ville epithet that at lenst, in a measure, warranted the killing, by removing the element of premeditated murder. The Governor has taken the case under advisement.

Another delegation has already arrived in the interest of Dan Teachy, in Duplin county, both hangings being set for the

county, both hangings being set for the same date. June 19th, and they will be given a hearing to-morrow.

WIFE MURDER.

J. W. Hammond Will Plead Temporary Insanity.

Temporary Insanity.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., May 29.—J.

W. Hammons was placed on trial for his life in the Superior Court to-day, the charge against him being, "wilful, deliberate and premeditated" murder of his wife, Henrietta Hammons, in this city April 29th. The hearing is attracting much interest and large crowds. The taking of evidences for the State was concluded this afternoon. One witness, who was present when Hammons shot his wife, testified that the husband remarked after he fired, "I did what I intended to do, and I am not sorry for it." The prisoner will go on the stand to-morrow and tell his story. It is understood that his plea will be that he shot his wife during an attack of temporary insently, brought ou by her refusal to live with him. sanity, browith him.

Killed in a Brawl.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WILMINGTON, N. C., May 29.—John
Roderick, a white man of the town, died
at midnight Sunday night from gunshot
wounds received in a brawl Saturday
night. Frank Bell, who did the shooting,
slightly wounded three other men at the

PETERSBURG BOY SECURES RELIEF

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BALTIMORE, MD., May 29.—Judge Stockbridge to-day released George Belliz, litteen years of age, from the House of Correction on habeas corpus proceedings, because the commitment was defective. Justice Hickey, of Prince George county, sentenced Bellis to the House of Correction for six months on Marca 30 last, on the charge of riding on a Baltimor and Ohlo Railroad freight train unauthorized. Bellis ran away from his home in Petersburg, Va., and came to Baltimore.

Miss Bertha Bellis, the prisoner's sister came from Petersburg and after the release started home with her brother.

ODELL STARTS BOOM OF HAY FOR PRESIDENT

(Special Cable to The Times-Disputch and New York Herald.)
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HERLIN. May 29.—Mr. Benjamin B. Jodell, former Governor of New York, left iere to-day for Mayence, whence he will tast on Odell, former Governor of New Jork, left here to-day for Mayence, whence he will start on a Rhino trip before leaving.

Mr. Odell, in a private conversation, spoke in the highest manner of the qualifications of Mr. Hay as a future presidential candidate,
Coming from a man of Mr. Odell's political importance, the statement is sig-

BOWKER WINS.

English Bantamweight Defeats

New Yorker in London.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON May 29.—At the National Sporting Club to-night the contest between Joe Bowker the present bandam of England, and "Pinkey" Evans, of Yonkers, N. Y., for the bantam champlonship and a purse of \$3,750, went the full twenty rounds, Bowker being an easy whiner on points. Evans received much punishment, but gamely contested every round.

Cluster Spring Finals,

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BLACK WALNUT, HALLIFAX CO.,
VA., May 29.—Cluster Springs Academy commencement began Sunday morning with the annual sermon by Rev. R.
B. Expleston, of Richmond.

The neld-day exercises took place this afternoon, and to-night the annual celebration of the Ciceronian Literary Society was held, while the annual address before the faculty and students will be delivered to-morrow by Rey.

William S. Currell, of Washington and Lee University.

Washington Affairs. (From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 29.—Rual routes ordered established August

ist: Virginia: Rese Hill, Lee county-Roule 2. population 504, houses 112: Wise, Wise county-Route 1, population 904, houses

201; Yuma, Scott county-Route 1, population 517, houses 115,
North Carolina: Edenton, Chowan county-Route 3, population 705, bouses 130;
Pembroke, Robeson county-Route 1, population 436, houses 198.

Burton G. Albritton appointed regular, williams 15, Moore, substitute, rural carlier, route 2, ht Greenville, N. C.
Virginia posimasters appointed: Criders, Rockingham county-F. A. Yankey, vice Israel Dove, resigned; Luster, Montgomery county-Elmer F. Sesler, vice Willis J. Mosca, resigned; Noola, Amberst county-Saille M. Damieron, vice Charles I., Davis, resigned.

Claiming All in Sight. With a disposition to still claim the earth for the Old North State, the Italeigh Post says;
According to the reports that have been published North Carolina was about half of the industrial parliament held this week in Washington. With that proportion so well and clearly defined when the results to this State are known it will not be hard to calimate the total.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY May 30th.

1252—The epoch of the Alphensine tables, constructed by Hazen, a Jow, by order of Alphense the Wise, commencing with the day of his accession to the throne of Leon and Castile.

1484—Charles VIII., "the affable," innugurated at Rheims, in his fifteenth year.

teenth year. 1858—Prince of Conde, at the head of 2,000 cavlry, threw himself into Cam-bray, then besieged by Marshal Turenne. 1770—Fireworks in honor of the marriage

of Louis XVI. of France, when about 1,100 persons were crushed to death in the crowd.

in the crowd.

1796—Battle of Borghetto; Bonaparto defeated the Austrians.

1799—The editor, printer and publisher of the London Courier, were fined and imprisoned for saying that the Emperor of Russin was a tyrant among his own subjects and ridioulous to the rest of Europe.

1806—Bonaparte issued a decree calling an assembly of Jewish deputies for the purpose of forming a Sanhedrim.

1814—Treaty of Paris between Louis XVIII., and the allied sovereigns 1848—The Irish agittator, Daniel O'Conne,

1848—The Irish agitator, Daniel O'Conne, I sentenced to fine and Imprisonment, 1848—Peschiera, Italy, surrenders to Charles Albert of Austria.

1848—The treaty of peace between the United States and Mexico, signed at Gaudaloupe Hidalgo, February 2, Gaudaloupe Hidalgo, February 2, 1848, with the modifications made in Washington by the Senate, havin Washington by the Senate, having passed the Mexican Congress, was ratified at Queretaro by the American commissioners. Ambrose H. Sevier and Nathan Clifford, and the Mexican Minister of Foreign Relations, Senor Don Luis de la Rosa. It was proclaimed in the United States on July 4, 1848.

1848—General Herrera elected President of Mexico by eleven States against

8—General Herrera elected Freshem of Mexico by eleven States against five.

14—The Kansas and Nebraska bill passed in Congress. By this act these territories were organized under territorial governments, and in the fourteenth section the far-famed "Missouri Compromise" act of 1820 was repealed, after it had been a law of the land for thirty-four years. This onened the old slavery discussions. This opened the old glavery discus-sion and brought on the Civil War in Kansas.

854—The Turks made a sortie from Siliştria and killed 3,000 Russians in

the trenches.

8—A treaty concluded between the United States government and the Osage nation. Schuyler Colfax accepted the nomination for Vice--Several explosions of dynamite cre 1884

1884—Several explosions of dynamite created great havoe and alarm in London: Packages of American Atlas powder were found in various places waiting to be fused by conspirators.

1898—A dispatch received from Commodore Schley at the Navy Department at 12:36 this day says that he had seen and recognized the Spanish fleet commanded by Cervera in the bay of Santiago de Cuba. Major-General Miles, commanding the United States army, left Washington for Tampa, Fla.

1903—St. Gauden's statue of General Sherman unveiled in New York city.

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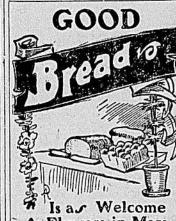
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